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Gen A. Sydney Johnston and the Tame From the Mississippian.

DEAR SIR: - A very well written story has been for some time "going the rounds" in the papers, in which I am made one of the witnesses in a very daring feat performed by Gen. Sydney Johnston—the shooting of a domestic tiger at his dinner-table. I feel some-what reluctant to tell the public that I never saw anything of the kind; but a sense of duty, and a regard to truth, compels me to do so at the hazard of destroying a pretty little fancy sketch. As I am mentioned in connection with it, I only give my present evidence to prevent this fiction from becoming history. Persons acquainted with that great man will admit that the stery illustrates the coolness and courage that distinguished his character. He would have seted, I have no doubt lines as the writer says he did.

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Gen. Johnston, in Austin, Texas, where I often dired with him. I was never in Brazoria, where the scene of the event is laid. After an effort of memory I recollect enough of the pleasing and melancholy occurrences and sacred reminiscences of the past, connected with the hero and his cherished household, to form what is, I suppose, the only foundation of the fale.

I think it was in the summer of 1856.

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I think it was in the summer of 1856 (it may have been in 1853), I dined with the General and his family the day after he had returned from one of his hazardous journeys into Texas. He had been a General in the regular army of the Republic of Texas in 1837-8, but at the time mentioned he was a Major and Paymaster in that of the United States, although he was usually addressed by all persons as General. It was a part of his duty to visit Fort Croghan, Fort Worth, Fort Mason, and all the military posts on the frontier of Texas, oaks in every three months, to pay off the troops. every three months, to pay off the troops I have forgotten who were the company present, except I have an indistinct recollection of Major Giles Porter, U. S. A., Miss Johnston, the eldest daughter of the General by his first marriage, and some other officer; but I remember distinctly a part of the conversation at the dinner table. The General related to us a very dangerous encounter he had with a large panther during his recent trip. His dog bayed him near the road, and fearing that his faithful attendant had encountered some dangerous animal that might be more than his match from the fierceness of his barking, he went to his rescue with a Mississippi rifle. As he approached, the dog, encouraged by his presence, sprang at the panther, but was knocked down by a blow from his paw. He then attempted to shoot him at the distance of six or eight feet, but the distance of six or eight feet, but the rifle missed fire, and at the explosion of the cap the panther turned from the dog and attempted to seize him. He clubbed the rifle and struck him over the clubbed the rifle and struck him over the head with such force that the entire butt of the gun was knocked off, the guard broken, and only the barrel and part of the stock banded to it was left in his hand. But he said the violence of the blow only checked his attack for a moment. The dog recovered sufficiently to seize him by the back, and gave him time to reneat dog recovered sufficiently to seize him by
the back, and gave him time to repeat
the blow with the barrel of the gun, which
made an excellent club, and that time he
stunned him. 'Yet,' he remarked,
"although I am a strong man, weighing
nearly two hundred pounds, and can
strike a hard blow, I had to repeat the
stroke appear the panther's head several stroke upon the panther's head several times before I could crush it, and kill him. I had no idea before that this ani-mal was so tenacious of life, and so dan-

have such an encounter with another alone, unless I am better prepared." One of the company then related some One of the company then related some anecdotes about a pet panther which in 1841 belonged to Col. Thomas W. Ward, the Commissioner of the General Land Office in Texas, and which used to follow him like a dog, and was as playful and harmless as a domestic cat.

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gerous; and I shall be careful never to

be developed and tempt it make a meal off herself or children. She said she had read somewhere, a story about a British officer, in the service of the East India Company, who raised a Bengal tiger, and kept him in his room in the garrison, where he was stationed. When two years old it was perfectly gentle and good natured, and had never exhibited any ferocity. It sat near its master at the mess table, and he frequently fed it with slices of meat when dining. One day, in carving the roast dining. One day, in carving the roast of beef, he cut his little finger, and pre-sented his hand to the tiger to lick as sented his hand to the tiger to lick as usual, and the animal performed the task very affectionately; but in doing so tasted a drop of warm blood which trickled from the cut finger. When the officer attempted to withdraw his hand, to his dismay the tiger closed his jaws upon it, and growled fiercely. Without waiting for any further evidence of his carniverous intentions, he called to his orderly to hand him his pistol, with orderly to hand him his pistol, with which he instantly killed him by a shot

in the eye.

I do not remember whether she mentioned the name of the tiger; and I have no positive recollection who were present at the table, or the date of the conversation; but I suppose that some one of the company, amid the clatter of knives and forks, and with his attention divided by conversation with others, un-derstood Mrs. Johnston as relating an anecdote about her husband instead of an officer in British India, and related the result of his confused recollection to the writer of the anecdote about Gen. Johnston and the tame tiger.

This I suppose to be the origin of the

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A Fine Painting.

"Autumn in the Starracca Vale, Erie line," is the artistic title of a mag-In some future number of the News and Mississippian, I hope to give your readers some reminiscences of that great

Railway," is the artistic title of a magnificent oil painting now on exhibition at the Derby Art Gallery, 625 Broadway, N. Y. It was painted by Mr. J. F. Cropsey, who ranks among the very best of our American artists. The picture is a very large one, measuring 55x95 inches in size, exclusive of its elaborate and massive frame, and we understand it is to be reproduced in lithographic chromo style, 16x30 inches in size, and to be dedicated to the Eric Railway Company, as a memento of their indomitable perseverance and engineering skill in erecting massive structures, and in cutting their way through rocks and mountains hitherto considered insurmountable.

Mr. Cropsey has been singularly fortu nate in the selection of his subject. The scene is one in which Nature herself has shaped to the artist's utmost wish the sublime outlines of the composition. character. He would have acted, I have no doubt, just as the writer says he did, it he had been involved in such a perilous predicament.

When I read the article I almost believed a part of it, for I recollected having heard consumate skill with which the artist has make this picture one of great beauty.

There are many other objects of inter est on the line of the Erie railway, to both the artist and tourist, passing as it does for over three hundred miles through the beautiful valleys of the Ramapo, Delaware, Susquehanna and Chemung rivers, an ever-changing panorama of beauty and grandeur is presented, as the traveler glides along at thirty miles an hour, over a smooth track and in improved and luxurious road guage coaches to be found only on this line of railway. Iwas in the Ramapo Valley, thirty miles from New York, that the immortal Washington encamped with his army in 1780, and prepared to meet the British forces; and the works of the old intrench-ments are still visible quite close to the track of the Eric railway. Those who have never journeyed over this line of railway by day light, should certainly.

The Graves of the Posts. Chancer was buried in the cloisters of Westminister Abbey, without the building, but removed to the south aisle in 1676; Spenser lies near him. Beaumont, Drayton, Cowley, Denham, Dryden, Rowe, Addison, Prior, Congreve, Gay, Johnson, Sheridan and Campbell, all he within Westminister Abbey, Shakapeare, as every one knows, was buried in the chancel of the church at Stratford, where there is a monument to his memory. Chapman and Shirely are buried in St. Giles-in-the-fields; Marlowe, in the church-yard of St. Saviour's, Southwark; Doctor Donne, in Old St. Paul's; Edmund Waller, in Baconsfield churchthe church at Harrow; Pope, in the church at Twickenham; Swift, in St. Patrick's, Dublin; Savage, in the church yard of St. Peter's, Bristol; Parnell, at Chester, where he died on his way to Dublin; Dr. Young at Welwyn, in Hertfordshire, of which place he was the rector; Thompson, in the church-yard at Richmond, in Sorrey Collins, in St. Andrew's church, at Chichester Gray, in the church yard of Stoke Pogis where he conceived his elegy, Gold-smith, in the church-yard of the Tem-ple church; Falconer, at sea, with "all the ocean for his grave," Churchill in the church-yard of St. Martin's, Dover, Cowper in the church at Darham; Chatterton in a church-yard belonging to the parish of St. Andrew's, Holborn; Burns in St. Michael's church-yard, Dumfries; Byron in the church at Hucknall, near Newstead; Grabbe at Trowbridge; Coleridge in the church at Highgate; Sir Walter Scott in Dryburg Abbey, Southey in Crossthwaite church, near Keswick Shelly "beneath one of the antique, weed-grown towers surrounding ancient Rome, and Keats beside him, "under the pyramid which is the tomb of Ces-

hunger, its carniverous propensity might in Mexico. He is no friend of theirs or

Confederates, whose history since the close of the rebellion has been identical with Mexico, as Maury, Magruder, Wilcox, Watkins, Shelby, Price, Harris, Hindman, Bee, Slaughter, Dunn, and many lesser stars of the Confederacy, are strangely scattered after a strange connection with this bogus empire. Maury and Magruder, lately dismissed from office as Chiefs of the Bureau of Emigration and Surveying General, from office as Chiefs of the Bureau of Emigration and Surveying General, know not what to do. Maury is in Europe. Tom. Reynolds, of Missouri, has been with Magruder as Assistant in Lissurveying department. Broadwell also has been with Magruder. Young Col. Maury has been assistant to his father, and will now join his father in Europe. Henry A. Allen, ex-Brig. Gen. of the Confederate States army, and ex-Gover-Confederate States army, and ex-Gover-nor of Louisiana, lately editor and pro-prietor of the Mexican Times, was buried on Monday, the 23d ult., in the burying ground belonging to the United States Government, in full uniform of the Confederate States army. Jubal Early left for Havana a few weeks since. Fiend Quantrell is ensconseed at Cor-dova, along with Shelby, Price, Harris and others, who, waiting for Max. to ful-fill his promises of land, purchased some

and named their cabins Carlota.

Judge Perkins is also at Cordeva.

Hindman, Wilcox and Ledbetter are gone. Slaughter is running a steam saw-mill near Orizava, and Col. Green, and all others not mentioned, have left the capital-we think, for Texas and

Queen Elizabeth.

Eight portraits of Queen Elizabeth are hanging in the London National Portrait Gallery. They represent her at all periods, from youth to old age, and she is painted as a blonde slight, with a light shade of and her. Many years a thin and shade of red bair, blue eyes, a thin and finely-cut mouth, and a nose somewhat aquiline. One of the portraits depicts her in a black jeweled and quilted gown. open at the throat; another, painted after her death, represents her as an old woman sitting at a table, resting her head upon one hand whilst she holds a book with the other. Her face is sad and thoughtful, allegorical figures surround her, and Death is whispering in her ear.

A LITTLE girl, who made very frequent use of the word "guess," was one day reproved for it by her teacher. "Don't say guess, Mary," said Miss Jones, "say presume"

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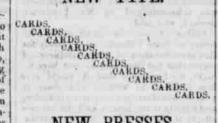
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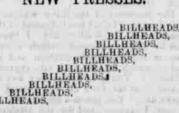
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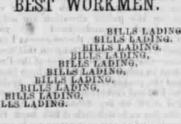


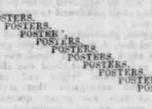
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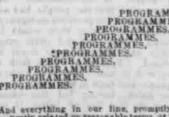


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